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1. WITIN LAST FEW DAYS ELECTION HANDBILL MIMEOGRAPHED ON USIS BLUE SEAL LETTERHEAD PAPER HAS BEEN CIRCULATING IN THE SAIGON, GIA DINH, BIEN HOA AREA. HANDBILL LISTS THIEU-KY PRESIDENTIAL SLATE AND SIX SENATORIAL LISTS (THOSE HEADED BY NGUYEN VAN HUYEN, TRAN VAN LAM, NGUYEN GIA HIEN, VU NGOC THUC AND THAI QUANG HOANG).

2. CANDIDATE TRAN VAN LAM SOUGHT OUT EMBOFF EVENING AUG 27, SHOWED HIM SEVERAL COPIES OF HANDBILL, SAID HE INTENDED TO PROTEST TO ELECTION COMMITTEE AND PRESS WHAT HE CONSIDERED OBVIOUS PIECE OF "BLAC PROPAGANDA" INTENDED TO TIE HIS CANDIDACY TO GVN PRESIDENTIAL SLATE AND THE AMERICANS.

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3. ISSION HAD SUBSEQUENTLY HAD PRESS QUERIES AND ISSUED FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION EVENING AUG 28:

"IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF US MISSION THAT A LEAFLET IS BEING CIRCULATED IN THE SAIGON, GIA DINH, BIEN HOA AREA

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WHICH ASKS FOR SUPPORT OF ONE PRESIDENTIAL LIST AND 6 SENATE LISTS. THE LEAFLET HAS BEEN MIMEOGRAPHED ON STATIONERY BEARING THE IMPRINT OF THE US INFORMATION SERVICE. THE US MISSION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE HOW WIDE THE CIRCULATION OF THIS LEAFLET IS, OR THE ORIGINATORS OF THE LEAFLET, NOR HAS THE MISSION BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE HOW THE STATIONERY HAS FALLEN IN THE HANDS OF THE ORIGINATORS OF THE LEAFLETS. NO STATIONERY BEARING THE LABEL OF US INFORMATION SERVICE HAS BEEN IN OFFICIAL USE IN THE MISSION SINCE JULY 1, 1965, WHEN THE JOINT US PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED. THE MISSION IS LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER.

"IN THE MEANTIME, AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS STATED THAT ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE CIRCULATION OF THIS LEAFLET ON OFFICIAL

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US STATIONERY IS AUTHORIZED OR IS INTENDED TO INDICATE US MISSION SUPPORT OF ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES, IS COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED. US MISSION POLICY REMAINS AS STATED BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER IN HIS ADDRESS OF JULY 15 TO THE VIETNAMESE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION. "WE SUPPORT NO SINGLE CANDIDATE AND WE OPPOSE NONE."
BUNKER

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